

§ 703.110 What investments and investment activities are prohibited for me?

(a) You (a federal credit union) may not purchase or sell financial derivatives, such as futures, options, interest rate swaps, or forward rate agreements, except as permitted under § 701.21(i) of this chapter.

(b) You may not engage in adjusted trading or short sales.

(c) You may not purchase stripped mortgage backed securities, residual interests in CMOs/REMICs, mortgage servicing rights, commercial mortgage related securities, or small business related securities.

(d) You may not purchase a zero coupon investment with a maturity date that is more than 10 years from the settlement date.

§ 703.120 May my officials or employees accept anything of value in connection with an investment transaction?

(a) Your (a federal credit unions) officials and senior management employees, and their immediate family members, may not receive anything of value in connection with your investment transactions. This prohibition also applies to any other employee, such as an investment officer, if the employee is directly involved in investments, unless your board of directors determines that the employee's involvement does not present a conflict of interest. This prohibition does not include compensation for employees.

(b) Your officials and employees must conduct all transactions with business associates or family members that are not specifically prohibited by paragraph (a) of this section at arm's length and in your best interest.

(c) Senior management employee means your chief executive officer (typically this individual holds the title of President or Treasurer/Manager), any assistant chief executive officers (e.g., Assistant President, Vice President, or Assistant Treasurer/Manager) and the chief financial officer (Comptroller).

(d) Immediate family member means a spouse or other family member living in the same household.

§ 703.130 May I continue to hold investments purchased before January 1, 1998, that will be impermissible after that date?

(a) Subject to safety and soundness considerations, you may hold a CMO/REMIC residual, SMBS, or zero coupon security with a maturity greater than 10 years, if you purchased the investment:

(1) Before December 2, 1991; or

(2) On or after December 2, 1991, but before January 1, 1998, if for the purpose of reducing interest rate risk and you meet the following:

(i) You have a monitoring and reporting system in place that provides the documentation necessary to evaluate the expected and actual performance of the investment under different interest rate scenarios;

(ii) You use the monitoring and reporting system to conduct and document an analysis that shows, before purchase, that the proposed investment will reduce your interest rate risk;

(iii) After purchase, you evaluate the investment at least quarterly to determine whether or not it actually has reduced your interest rate risk; and

(iv) You classify the investment as either trading or available-for-sale.

(b) All grandfathered investments are subject to the valuation and monitoring requirements of §§ 703.70, 703.80, and 703.90.

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§ 703.140 What is the investment pilot program and how can I participate in it?

(a) Under the investment pilot program, NCUA will permit a limited number of federal credit unions to engage in investment activities prohibited by this part but permitted by statute.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, before you (a federal credit union) may engage in additional activities, you must obtain written approval from

NCUA. To begin the approval process, you must submit a request to your regional director that addresses the following items:

(1) Board policies approving the activities and establishing limits on them.